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CANDIDATES AND PRIMARIES HISTORIC APRIL

In this presidential year in the United States, some of the presidential candidates are entering many of the primaries. Others are staying out of most of them, and some are staying out of all of them.

Many people in this country are convinced that primaries are highly useful, and that they should be held in every state. However, only about a third of the states now hold primaries, and many people do not believe they serve useful purposes.

Regardless of the merits of these two positions, it is true that the candidate who wins many of the primaries, or even most of them, is not assured of the nomination, by any means.

There have been candidates who did well in primaries, and who came to the National Convention to find themselves on the outside, looking in. It is true, then, as the professional politicians claim, that the party machinery at the National Convention exercises more power at and control than the results of primaries.

In this connection, it should be remembered that Presidents are not elected by popular vote. Therefore, whereas primaries are popular vote instruments, Presidents are elected by electoral votes. Quite often, in the United States, Presidents are elected who received fewer votes than their main opponent.

Likewise, delegates to National Conventions are not elected by popular vote in statewide races. They are sometimes appointed, or are elected in state party meetings, etc. A check has shown that most of the delegates to National Conventions are repeat delegates, that is, they have attended other National Conventions in the past, and continue to return. They are the so-called professional political element at the National Conventions.

Thus the party machine, and the professionals who run it, wield a tremendous power in the selection of a President. The Governors of the respective fifty states also wield a tremendous power. This is true because they often appoint delegates, and because they often control their state delegations.

There are those who would like to see a President elected by a popular vote. If this were done, then each candidate would receive a proportionate share of the electoral vote in each state — which would be directly related to the proportion of the popular vote he received in the state. This would be the solution to the problem of having Presidents elected when they receive less votes than their opponents. Eventually, some such correction in our presidential election machinery will probably be made, and when it is, it will be a change for the better.

The month of April has long been associated with the wars of the United States, but it also brings the anniversary of some other rather important events.

April is the anniversary month of the beginning and the end of the War Between the States, which began on April 12, 1861, in Charleston Harbor, and ended four years later, on April 9th, at Appomattox.

April also gives us, on the 6th, the anniversary of the declaration of war upon Germany in 1917, when the destiny of the United States carried its armed forces across the Atlantic.

In connection with other wars, it should not be overlooked that President McKinley, on April 11, 1898, called upon Congress to intervene in Cuba and that war was inaugurated two weeks later by a formal declaration.

The War of the Revolution began at Lexington, Massachusetts, on April 19, 1775. Eight years later, cessation of hostilities was proclaimed to the American Army and the war came to an end.

The other anniversaries to which we refer include that of the first pony express, which moved out of the frontier settlement of St. Joseph Missouri, on April 3, 1860. The first formally-organized government in the Northwest took place at Marietta, Ohio, on April 7, 1788, when forty-seven veterans of the Revolutionary War, under General Rufus Putnam, founded the city on the river bank.

Other events of considerable importance in the history of this nation occurred during April, including the birth of Thomas Jefferson, on the 13th, the death of Abraham Lincoln on the 15th, the landing of the first permanent English settlers at Jamestown, on April 26, 1607, and the inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the Republic on April 30, 1789.

By the way, what was the name of the last sensible book you read?

There are people in the world who judge everything by its bankroll.

The man who does his work on time, all the time, has plenty of time.

Our idea of futility: Trying to dope out elections a year ahead of the voting.

A criticism sometimes does an individual more good than a compliment.

GARDENING OFFERS REWARDS

About this time of year it is well to urge all readers of the Times-Virginian to consider the possible pleasure to be obtain from flowers, fruits and vegetables. It is also worth noting that, sometimes, such activity can develop a monetary profit.

We are not much concerned, in this article, with the economic gains of gardening. There are other values that come to the individual who seeks to develop something of beauty and profection in accordance with the laws of nature.

There are countless homes in Appomattox County on lots that need the charm that can come only from well-appointed surroundings. It may take some years to develop an attractive lawn or garden, but the task will bring satisfaction, however long delayed. Besides, what you do with your lot will add to the natural beauty of Appomattox!

When it comes to vegetable gardening, one must admit that the process involves work. At the same time, many business men would be physically benefitted by some exercise. We know, from hearing them boast, that the amateur gardeners take as much delight in their prize specimens as fishermen who talk so much about the 'one that got away.'

When you begin to please everybody, it is time for you to examine yourself.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Washington Notes

BOMBER ISSUE

The United States has demanded the return of five B-26 medium bombers of World War II vintage which, it charges, were fraudulently acquired by the Dominican Air Force.

The planes, stripped of wartime equipment, were flown from Miami July 28, ostensibly for Chile where they were to be used in aerial photography. Instead, they were flown to the Dominican Republic and turned over to the Dominican Air Force.

RATE CUT URGED

The Department of Agriculture has proposed an average reduction of 19 per cent in the rates it pays commerical storage concerns for storing and handling grain under the Federal farm price support program.

It was estimated that the proposed cut would save taxpayers about $11,000,000 annually. Storage cost have been about $1,500,000 a day, or $550,000,000 a year on surplus grains.

ATOM BLAST PLANNED

The Atomic Energy Commission has announced that preparations are being made to conduct an underground nuclear test to determine the feasibility of using nuclear explosives for peaceful purposes.

The explosion, if authorized by the President, would be conducted early next year deep in a salt bed twenty-five miles southeast of Carlsbad, N. M. The explosion would have a force of ten kilotons, the equivalent of 10,000 tons of TNT.

HOUSE UNIT EASES CURB

The House Armed Services Committee has approved, 34 to 1, a bill to curb high military officers from becoming salesmen for defense-production industries.

FUNDS CLAIM BARRED

The Administration has no intentions of granting the request of Chancellor Adenauer for compensation for German property seized here during World War II, officials have stated.

The Administration, it was added, was not disposed to meet the German request for payment of the so-called "vested" assets. And they added even if it were so disposed, it knows that a bill for compensation would not have a chance of passage in Congress.

TEST CONTRACT AWARDED

The Army has awarded an $18,821,351 contract to Pan American World Airways to set up and operate facilities at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., for testing electronic equipment.

BENEFITS OVERLOOKED

Social Security officials say many people overlook one important Social Security benefit.

They do not look for the lump sum payment due survivors on the death of an insured worker. Such payments can run up to $225.

HERTER DEPLORES VIOLENCE

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter has sent word to President Syngman Rhee of Korea expressing regret that violence has accompanied his re-election. Mr. Herter acted after President Eisenhower said at a news conference that he deplored the violence.

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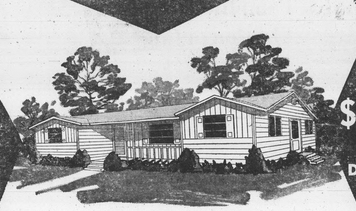

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Farm News

Miss Smith, County Agent

Choose a spring oat variety if planting this season. Four on the recommended list are Mo. 0-205, Andrew, Clarion and Newton. Planting of a winter oat will probably end up in a disappointment. The 3-year yield at the Piedmont Station in the following yields: Andrew, Mo. 0-205, 33.3; Newton, and Clarion, 33.2.

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More and more dairymen across Virginia are going to year around silage feeding, thus cutting labor and self-feeding.

Many tobacco beds will be seeded this week. These five points can help insure good plants:

1. Locate beds in a protected place.
2. Use methyl Bromide to control weeds.
3. Mulch with light application pine needles, clean straw or sawdust.
4. Put plant bed cover on immediately.
5. Use only 1 - 1½ lbs. of plant bed fertilizer per square yard. Don't try to push plants too hard.

See where Dalapon is now being used to spray in walks and along borders to control movement of wire grass. If this grass is a problem, try some Dalapon this summer.

Dairymen Make More Money With Records

Profits pile up more quickly for the dairyman enrolled in a Dairy Herd Improvement Association, or in another record-keeping program.

New evidence to support this fact is passed along by W. S. Griffith, dairy specialist at VPI. He says U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates show DHIA cows making a profit of $78 per year, while non-testing dairymen realized a profit of only $28.

Griffith says the $50 difference clearly shows the value of using DHIA as a herd improvement tool. Dairy records enable DHIA members to cull the low producing cows, feed each cow according to production and select the best breeding stock from which to breed herd replacements.

Three systems of record keeping are available to Virginia dairymen. The DHIA program is designed to furnish records that can be used in dairy cattle sales and in proving bulls. The records are based on milk weights taken by a DHIA supervisor.

The owner - sampler program is even more economical than DHIA. In this program designed for commercial milk producers, the dairyman weights the milk from each cow one day each month, and takes a sample of each cow's milk. The local DHIA supervisor tests the samples for butterfat content and keeps production records on each cow. The records are not official and cannot be used for selling cattle or proving bulls. However, for the individual dairyman they are as valuable in making-a-the-farm management decisions as are DHIA records.

The weigh-a-day-a-month program was developed for manufacturing milk producers. In this method the dairyman weighs the milk from each cow one day each month. A calculating service keeps the records on each cow and on the herd as a whole. No butterfat tests are made.

These three programs make it possible for any dairyman, regardless of the size of his herd or his financial condition to make dairying pay the record way, Griffith says. County agricultural agents can give further details.

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

University of Missouri reports that under test, ice-bank bulk milk coolers cooled 45 pounds of milk per KWH and direct expansion coolers, 101 lbs. per KWH. At 1½ cents per KWH, this would be $65.00 per year difference when 1000 pounds of milk are cooled per day.

In 1959, Georgia lead the nation in broiler placements, 319,563,000 as opposed to 54,824,000 for Virginia. Georgia has 37% more last year than in '58, whereas Virginia creased 13%.

Controlled tests in Massachusetts on consumer response to mass displays showed: the formal pile-on display had the least sales stimulation effect with about 140% sales increase over regular shelf sales. Use of the formal basket display meant a net sales gain of over 150 per cent. Most effective in this study was the jumbled basket display with net sales increase of 200 per cent. Foods used in these displays were 46 ounce cans of tomato juice.

Seventeen growers in Virginia produced 41 per cent of the apples in 1959. Each of these growers produced 200 thousand bushels or more.

Tomato experiments indicate the value of applying phosphorus on soils low in this element. Under the conditions of the experiment, best results were obtained by applying superphosphate in eight inch deep bands, when the tomato plants are set.

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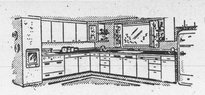

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Vera

Vera, March 29.- Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Mrs. Percy Garrette attended the W. M. U. conference in Richmond last week. A large number from throughout the state attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gunter, Mrs. Elsie Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guill in Norfolk over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Mustain, of Richmond visited in the home of Mrs. Kirk Megginson Saturday and Sunday.

Sorry to report that Miss Edna Megginson remains on the sick list. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Vera, March 28.- "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed, the effectual prayer of the righteous man availeth much." — James 5:16.

We are glad to see some better weather, after such a long spell of cold and snow.

Miss Nancy Scruggs visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Wednesday night.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Thursday were Rev. Marvin Jacobs and Mrs. Wilson Goin.

Mrs. Percy Garrette and Mrs. T. C. Harvey spent Wednesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Saturday night.

Miss Harriette Harvey spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs.

It really seems that spring has come. It's warm and the birds are building their nests.

Farmers are busy burning their plant beds.

A School of Missions will begin on April 3 at the New Hope Baptist Church. The school will be held at 7:30 each night through Friday, April 8. I hope that they will have a large crowd each night.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, March 29.- Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jones and children visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lytton Harvey Sunday afternoon.

Miss Shirley Walton, of Arlington, Va., spent the week-end in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. S. Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moon and children, of Roanoke, Va., spent Friday night in the home of his father, Mr. W. A. Moon.

Mr. Dick Wharton, of Portsmouth and Mrs. Della Tyler, of Staunton, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thomas and Mrs. Lee Wharton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henry and children, Jack, Jennie and Jill visited their daughter and sister, Miss Mary Alice Henry at Martinsville, Va.

Looks Like It

According to firemen, a good home is one you can get out of. Judging by the week-end traffic, guess a lot of folks can qualify. —Grayson Ky., Journal Enquirer.

Pamplin

Pamplin, March 29.- Mrs. J. L. Hart attended the W. M. U. General Association at Richmond last week.

Mrs. H. T. Terry is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. A. Chandler, of Portsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Earl Pankey, of Appomattox were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs. E. L. Pankey.

Miss Charlott Hart, of Richmond was a week-end visitor in the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cunningham and Mrs. Edward Wilson, of Richmond were week-end guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Cunningham.

Mr. W. C. Dudley was called to Christiansburg Sunday, dye to the death of an uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Williams and children, of Richmond, visited relatives here over the week-end.

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